ensure orderly trading. Multi National Companies are allowed to trade in the commodity futures market through registerd brokers and are subject to Bye laws and Rules of the Commodity Exchanges to ensure orderly trading.

(d) and (e) Containment of price rise of essential commodities remain high on the agenda of the Government Anti-inflationary policies of the government include strict fiscal and monetary discipline, rationalization of duties of essential items so that there is no undue burden on the poor, effective supply-demand management of essential commodities through liberal tariff and trade policies, and strengthening the public distribution system.

Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project

202. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a $ 90 bn. Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project would be managed by a private company and the Central Government would hold 26 per cent of the equity of the company and six State Governments *viz.*, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh through which the corridor will pass, would each hold 3.83 per cent equity amounting to 23 per cent stake in the company; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision for implementing the project would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India has approved, in-principle, the project outline of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor in August 2007. The approval also covers setting up Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC), corporate entity, for Project Development, coordinating the implementation of the numerous projects and also to raise finances wherever needed. The equity base of DMICDC is Rs. 10 Crores in which 49% is from Government of India and the remaining by Financial Institutions and other infrastructure organizations. Equity contributions in DMICDC by the six States is not included in the present Government approval. DMICDC is under and Apex Monitoring Authority, which has been set with participation of concerned central Ministers and Chief Ministers of the six DMIC States, for overall guidance, planning and approvals.

Granting of foreign currency loans

203. SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have been granting foreign currency loans, out of the country's forex reserve in its custody, to banks and financial institutions (FIs) for funding the (i) international trade and (ii) import of capital goods (CGs) by their clients;

(b) if so, the salient terms on which such loans are granted by RBI for funding international and import of CGs respectively; and

(c) bank-wise and FI-wise details of foreign currency loans granted by RBI out of forex reserve showing volumes thereof meant for (i) and (ii) in (a) above by their clients separately during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) In the recent past, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not granted foreign currency loans, out of the country's forex reserve in its custody, to banks and financial institutions (FIs) for funding the international trade, import and capital goods (CGs) by their clients. However, loans were given as refinance under the provisions of Section 17(12B) of the RBI Act, 1934 to banks/FIs.

(b) Section 17(12 B) authorizes RBI to give loans in foreign currencies to banks/FIs on refinance basis on terms that may be approved by the Central Board. The loans given to State